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SUBJECT: FUEL AND FOOD SUPPLIES

1. THERE IS NO LPG LEFT IN LUANDA. GULF WILL IMPORT LPG
BUT IT WILL NOT ARRIVE WITHIN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS. THE
LAST OF LUANDA'S BOTTLED GAS WAS REPORTEDLY LOOTED FROM
A SUBRUBAN WARE HOUSE AUGUST 7.

2. GASOLINE. 720 THOUSAND LITERS ARE LEFT, OF WHICH 450
THOUSAND LITERS HAVE BEEN EMBARGOED BY THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY.
THE REMAINING 270 THOUSAND LITERS ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE UNLESS
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THE TANK TRUCKS ARE CONVOYED BY THE ARMY. THREE ATTEMPTS

HAVE BEEN MADE TO ORGANIZE A CONVOY BUT EACH TIME THE MILITARY ESCORT FAILED TO APPEAR. IF RESCUED, THE 270 THOUSAND LITERS IS A THREE TO FIVE DAY SUPPLY. PANIC BUYING BEGAN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 8. DIESEL STOCKS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR ONLY A FEW DAYS.

3. DIESEL. STOCKS ARE LOW BUT IF THE TANKER ARRIVES AND BEGINS TO DISCHARGE WITHIN A FEW DAYS, A COMPLETE DRY-UP CAN BE AVOIDED.

4. JET FUEL. STOCKS ARE ALSO LOW BUT ENOUGH FOR AWHILE IF THE PRESENT PRACTICE OF REFUELING MOST FLIGHTS ELSEWHERE IS CONTINUED AND THE 747'S COMING DOWN CONTINUE TO PUMP FUEL INTO THE AIRPORT STORAGE TANKS. TAP HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM BOAC TO USE 3,500,000 LITERS IN THE SHELL TANKS NEAR THE SAN PEDRO FORTRESS.

5. A MOBIL TANKER WITH GASOLINE, DIESEL AND JET FUEL WILL NOT COME INTO THE HARBOR BECAUSE MOBIL FEARS ONE OF THE LIBERATION GROUPS MIGHT ATTEMPT TO HIT IT. THE GOVERNMENT AND OIL COMPANIES ARE NOW SEEKING DESPARATELY FOR SOME INTERIM SOLUTION. ONE POSSIBILIY IS TO BRING GASOLINE UP FROM LOBITO.

6. BREAD. STOCKS OF WHEA AND FLOUR HAVE ALMOST REACHED ZERO ALTHOUGH THERE ARE WHEAT AND FLOUR ABOARD A SHIP IN THE HARBOR. THE REASON GIVEN FOR NOT UNLOADING IMMEDIATELY IS THAT THE MOVABLE CRANES ARE BLOCKED BY THE MOUNTAINS OF OUTGOING HHE BELONGING TO REFUGEES.
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